

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application:	10/692,703)	Primary Patent Examiner
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

You are requested to grant a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated July 207, 2004, and to charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

A terminal disclaimer referring to Application No. 10/158,608 is submitted herewith, whereby to overcome the provisional "double patenting" rejection.

You are requested to reconsider the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kingman (US 2,386,900) in view of Hays (US 2,553,254.) The sanding block of Hays does not have the "sharp" edges required to satisfy the limitations in claim 1. When viewed macroscopically, if an edge is rounded, the edge is not sharp. In Figure 1 of Hays, the upper left and lower right edges are rounded, not sharp.

In referring to features shown in Figures 3, 4, and 5, Hays teaches in column 2, lines 38 through 46, as follows;

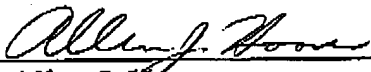
* * * A hole 8 is formed through the block, parallel to the adjacent face, the same being spaced somewhat from the face of the block. A slot is cut from the face of the block into this opening 8, and then the edges are rounded somewhat, as shown at 9 and 10. This is in order to prevent cutting of the sanding strip where it passes over the edges 9 and 10. * * *

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Implicitly, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that Hays rounded the upper left and lower right edges of the block, so as to avoid cutting the sanding strip at those edges, when the sanding strip is "stretched around" (column 1, line 4) and "drawn tightly around" (column 2, lines 18-19) the block. Being stretched around and drawn tightly around a smaller radius at each of the upper left and lower right edges of the block, the sanding strip must be necessarily rounded to a larger radius at each of the same edges.

Because Hays does not have sharp edges, the applicant submits that no modification of the scouring device of Kingman in view of Hays would result in the sanding block being claimed. Therefore, the applicant submits that claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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